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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF FOODGRAINS TO BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of large scale diversion of foodgrains meant for the Public Distribution System (PDS) in West Bengal to Bangladesh has been reported recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of the foodgrains issued to West Bengal under various schemes during 2006-07 and 2007-08 so far;

(d) the quantity of foodgrains reportedly diverted to Bangladesh from West Bengal; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to check such diversion of PDS foodgrains to Bangladesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): Some such reports have been received. They have been sent to the State Government of West Bengal for inquiry and reports. Replies of the State Government are still awaited.